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A WORLD AWAY. Freshman Grace Wallin plays a game with Rwandan children. Wallin traveled to Africa this summer to help poverty-stricken Rwandan children. See the complete story on page 11.

Five students qualify as semi-finalists for National Merit

Kayler Nelson
Opinion Co-Editor

Hard work, dedication and many years of striving toward academic excellence have paid off for five O'Gorman seniors.

Alexis Kosiak, Matt Hanson, Miranda Masek, Sarah Ermer and Shelby Bloomer have been recognized as five of the approximate 16,000 National Merit Scholar semifinalists in the nation.

Each individual recognized as a semifinalist is considered one of the highest achievers in the nation. "It's an honor," said Hanson.

While this recognition brings much honor for the semifinalist, it also bodes well for O'Gorman "It's definitely an honor for both the students and the school," said O'Gorman assistant principal and guidance counselor Art Hagg.

Five semifinalists ties the record for the most National Merit Scholar semifinalists ever at O'Gorman. "To have the highest proportion of semifinalists to students really says great things about this school," said Hanson. "It really adds a level of prestige that can't be matched."

Seniors register to vote as election nears

Connor Johnson
Activities Co-Editor

This year's election between President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is the first presidential election that this year's seniors will participate in. Most seniors at O'Gorman get registered through Mr. Ed Whiting or Mr. Jeff Gordon.

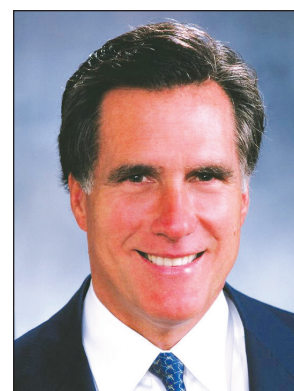
Whiting said that the number of seniors that have come to him for the voter registration throughout the years has been fairly consistent, but this year there was a slight increase of seniors due to it being an election year.

The main issue for most seniors who will vote this year is whom they will vote for. "I

hope they make an educated choice with or without the majority view and that they will go to vote with a better education on who to vote for instead of blindly following others," said Whiting.

The difficulty in deciding between candidates is who they believe will be able to better the United States and will help with foreign affairs. "It was difficult to decide who I would vote for because they both make excellent points," said senior Max Kueter.

Many of the voting seniors will be influenced by their families, friends and the local political demographic. When asked what influences his decision Max Kueter said, "Probably my parents because they help explain things that I don't understand into something I can relate to."



Mitt Romney (R)

59%



Barack Obama (D)

18%

In a recent poll conducted by *The Knight Scroll*, 59 percent of students said they would vote for Mitt Romney in the upcoming presidential election. Eighteen percent of students said they would vote for President Barack Obama, 17 percent of students were undecided and six percent of students would support another candidate.

Schools incorporate iPads for teachers, students

Miranda Masek
Editor-in-Chief

The future of O'Gorman may soon be technology-based. With the popularity of iPads in classrooms, O'Gorman is looking at ways of integrating the technology and innovating the classroom experience.

"It's something we're definitely talking about," said principal Kyle Groos. "It's not if, it's when."

iPads for educational reasons are being tried in other local schools. The iLearn SF project is a program that provides fifth graders from six Title I public schools that qualified with an iPad to take home as a part of their tutor-

ing to continue their learning.

The program ran during the 2011-2012 school year and "found that students were able to go onto the internet to research information and were able to use free apps to practice skills in both mathematics and language arts," said Susan McAdaragh, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator and one of the central administrators of the project.

"Students even said that they believed the apps they used were responsible for their being able to raise their math grades during the second semester," said McAdaragh.

For O'Gorman, however, a large question of incorporating

iPads would be expense. "Students would either provide them or the school would incur that cost," said Groos.

Kevin Lein, principal of Harrisburg High School, which provides students with Macbooks, sees a benefit in the portable access. "Communication, virtual classes, ease of assessment and immediate feedback, access to a world of resources, delivery of tasks in a myriad of platforms, such as iTunes, iMovie, and Powerpoint are all benefits."

"It would be a way to get away from textbooks that are easy to be outdated," said Groos. "iPads provide interactive and current information."

"It's learning - anytime, anywhere," said Lein.

"There are over 60,000 apps available to us. There's an app for almost anything," said Mr. Nathan Hofflander. "Many are classroom-related."

There are also challenges with adopting iPads for students or as a classroom aid.

"Students have access to volumes of information that can be used for any number of projects," said Bob Jensen, the director of Assessment, Technology, and Information Services for the Sioux Falls School District. "The iPad, with its instant on feature, allows students faster access to information than the traditional laptop,"

said Jensen. "The device is light weight, mobile and can be used anywhere in the classroom."

There are also challenges with adopting iPads for students or as a classroom aid.

"It comes down to how the student decides to use the internet," said Jensen.

"We'd have to change infrastructure. There'd need to be the bandwidth and internet access to all devices," said Groos. "Academic integrity is always an issue occurring."

"It's a distraction, and not unlike computer labs, there must be rules in place," said Hofflander. "Like any mobile device, it can either save you time or waste your time."



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German exchange students sing at a welcome potluck. The students were in the United States from Oct. 8-29.

German students visit U.S. as part of exchange program

From Staff Reports

O'Gorman welcomed 23 German students to South Dakota in October. The students were here from Oct. 8-29.

The trip marks the second element of an exchange that began this summer when O'Gorman students traveled to Germany for three weeks.

It was an easy decision to bring the two cultures together, said Mr. Thilo Herrmann, teacher and coordinator from the German school.

Herrmann and O'Gorman German teacher Ms. Kristin Kuchenbecker have known each other for many years as they attended the University of South Dakota together as part of an exchange program.

"It is so interesting to learn about other cultures," said Louisa

Lehmann, one of the German students. Lehmann, along with her 22 classmates, stayed with American host families for the month.

During their time here, the Dillenburg natives had the opportunity to see how American high schools function.

"The [German] students have already had six or seven years of English," said Herrmann. "They have been exposed to the American culture before. America and the American Dream are important topics in the curriculum."

Kuchenbecker is excited about the program as students from both countries have the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture. "To me it's very important that once they learn the language, they actually use it outside of the classroom," said Kuchenbecker.

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Grads share thoughts on college readiness

The *Scroll* asks: Has O'Gorman prepared you?

Knight Scroll: What is the most difficult adaptation you've had to make at college?

Michael Andreone: I find it hard being around people 24/7. I like having alone time so it was difficult to transition into an environment where people are around me all the time - even when I sleep. But I found some great people to surround myself with so I adjusted quickly.

KS: Did O'Gorman do a good job of preparing you for college?

MA: O'Gorman did a great job of preparing me. As far as education goes I haven't had a hard time adjusting to the work load or any tricky concepts in class. I'm incredibly grateful for the job O'Gorman did preparing me for this next step in my life.

KS: What is the biggest difference between high school and college?

MA: In college you're supposed to just stay on top of everything yourself. It is up to you to do all the work and read everything that's assigned. My professors pretty much handed everything out at the beginning of the year, and it had all of our readings and what we're supposed to have done when. I'm learning to plan ahead.

KS: Has college been a culture shock after attending a small, Catholic high school?

MA: Well, the University of St. Thomas isn't that big of a school when compared to other schools so it was kind of the same, but not much.



Michael Andreone

KS: What was your biggest fear going into college? Was that a rational fear looking back on it?

MA: My biggest fear was making new friends and finding people with common interests. I soon found out I'm surrounded by the weirdest group of guys in my dorm, and I fit right in.

Michael Andreone attends the University of St. Thomas.

Knight Scroll: What is the most difficult adaptation you've had to make at college?

Katy Viereck: Due to the intellectual advancement, my homework load has increased, making it difficult for me to get very much sleep. My body has actually adapted to function with just five hours of sleep.

KS: Did O'Gorman do a good job of preparing you for college?

KV: If I didn't go to O'Gorman, there is no way I would be doing as well as I am in college. I was so lucky to receive the education I did. Seriously, you will be impressed with how much more advanced you are than other students.

KS: Did O'Gorman do a good job of preparing you for college?

CS: O'Gorman did a great job of preparing me for college. I'm thankful for the great education I received at O'Gorman.

KS: Have you had issues adjusting to the college courses?

CS: Yes! It's been difficult adjusting to the pace of college courses. It requires much more time devoted to each class. Though you're not necessarily in class as long as high school, col-

KS: What is the biggest difference between high school and college?

KV: You have to be a lot more responsible than you'd expect. Also, no one tells you that you have to go to class, and it's really hard to get up because you constantly feel like you are sleep deprived, but you have to or you'll probably fail.

KS: Has college been a culture shock after attending a small, Catholic high school?

KV: College is definitely a lot different from O'Gorman. One of my friends in one of my classes is actually an atheist, so that shows how different the religions are. But O'G kids are so well-educated and strong in



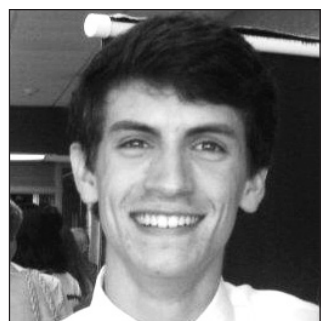
Katy Viereck

their faith that it's not a huge issue.

KS: What tips do you have for high school students applying to and preparing for college?

KV: Even though it's a pain, apply for any scholarships you can get.

Katy Viereck attends USD.



Charlie Solomon

CS: I would say it definitely is for the most part.

Charlie Solomon attends the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Students pack meals to fight hunger

Project part of sophomore Eagle Scout project

Marissa Tran
Entertainment Co-Editor

Walking around O'Gorman, a person may notice signs advertising Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger is a humanitarian food organization based in New Hope, Minnesota. Their mission is to reduce the number of starving children in the United States and to feed starving children around the world.

On Oct. 22, O'Gorman High School participated in sophomore Karl Shlanta's Eagle Scout project.

"I started to think about how I could package 150,000 meals in one day," said Shlanta. "I considered getting my scout troop or my friends to help out but decided that with the help of O'Gorman students, I could get these meals packed in no time."

One hundred fifty thousand meals will be sent to Zambia, Africa. It will later be distributed to two smaller African villages, Koama and Kalomo.



Shelly Kosiak shows students how to assemble meals on Kids Against Hunger day on Oct. 22. The day's goal was to pack 150,000 meals to ship to Africa.

"By getting all of these meals packed we're going to be affecting a lot of people in a positive way," says Shlanta. "We're going to help to make lives better."

The theology department and Shlanta have combined forces to help make the day a success. The meals were packed all day during the theology classes in the Rec Center. As a bonus to helping out, students received one hour

credit for Christian service.

"Students will be able to experience the joy of serving those in great need," says Mrs. Sara Hofflander. "By doing this service project, I hope that students discover how small amounts of work can do great things in the world."

On Kids Against Hunger Day, students wore t-shirts designed especially for O'Gorman High

School. The proceeds from the shirts helped offset the cost of buying supplies for the project and help pay the shipping for the meals.

"I know 150,000 meals seems like an enormous amount," says Shlanta. "I'm excited to get O'Gorman participating in a project that will make a difference in the world."

Campus Ministry raises funds for Thailand

Miranda Masek
Editor-in-Chief

On Sept. 28, a simple dress down went to help those less fortunate in Thailand.

"We raised \$1400 with the one dress down," said Jonathan Konz, Campus Minister.

"Campus Ministry was raising money for a group of students there to have school and the daily necessities of life," said junior and member of the Campus Ministry Core Team Lydia Enderson.

The money raised by Campus Ministry will be the amount sufficient to feed, house and educate one student for an entire year.

"They're poor orphans and have literally nothing, but a priest in Thailand takes the orphans in and takes care of them as his own children," said Meghan Kunkel, a junior and also a member of the Core Team. "The foundation doesn't have a name but basically we're donating money to the cause to help him raise the children."

The contact priest in Thailand is Fr. Paul Suthi. "He's working with Fr. Jim Bream here. They were best friends in Yankton," said Konz.

Students head for study hall as Mass attendance drops

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

Mass attendance has decreased, with only a fraction of seniors going to Mass, which has caused mixed feelings from students and teachers.

"The section that appears most empty is the senior section. This is disheartening to me as they are the leaders of the school," says Ms. Michelle Shields, theology teacher.

There has been a lot of speculation on what steps are needed to increase the attendance. "The only way it will increase is when the seniors decide that they want to not only lead the school in sports and activities but also spirituality," says Shields.

With study hall being an option, some students don't even consider going to Mass. "I think the best

way to increase attendance would be to have people try and bring groups of friends to Mass together," says senior Mark Haiar. "Another way would be to get your

"As a freshman I was very impressed by the number of upperclassmen who freely chose to attend Mass on Wednesdays."

-Bethany Claussen

homework done ahead of time," says senior Bethany Claussen.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors have the option of attending Mass. "I do think it could be beneficial

to remind students of the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist in our faith," says Claussen.

With the freshmen all having to go Mass every week, the hope is that they will continue to attend throughout high school.

"As a freshman I was very impressed by the number of upperclassmen who freely chose to attend Mass on Wednesdays. I hope that the class of 2016's faith lives are strong enough that they will continue to attend Mass throughout their high school years whether or not they see the upper class men practicing this habit this year," says Claussen.

Shields hopes to see this year's seniors step up to the challenge of being leaders and attend Mass. "They were amazing at senior leadership day so I know they have it in them to lead," says Shields.

Holy Spirit choir director joins school music ministry, excited for new opportunity

Haley Heiberger
Faith Co-Editor

Holy Spirit choir director Nancy Syring can be found amidst different scenery this school year.

Syring has replaced Susie Rallis and is leading the Mass music Wednesday mornings.

"My hope for students at O'Gorman is that they will be drawn to the Eucharist," said Syring. "That is the reason we go to Mass."

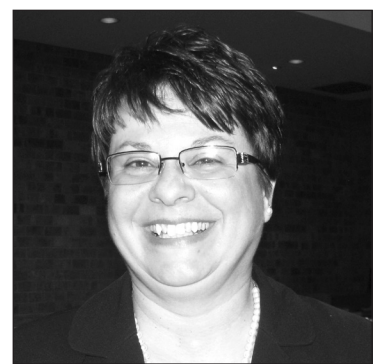
Syring said that she has a passion for Catholic liturgy and for the Eucharist.

She left her job as band director at St. Michael and St. Lambert elementary schools to begin leading Mass music at Holy Spirit Parish, and her job at Holy Spirit led her to accept the task of leading music elsewhere.

"When I started doing liturgy the job at Holy Spirit opened up."

Syring said she felt called to lead liturgical music.

"Studying the liturgy has led me to learn more about the liturgy and the Mass."



Nancy Syring

Syring says that Mass music has helped her to grow personally in faith, and she hopes that students will become closer to Christ in the Eucharist through the Mass and liturgical music.

Syring hopes students grow in appreciation for traditional Catholic Mass music. "Part of my goal is to introduce true, sacred and Catholic music back into the liturgy."

Syring looks forward to sharing her passion for Catholic liturgy with the O'Gorman student body.

"The students truly are a gift to me," said Syring.

Frisbee club takes flight

Kayler Nelson
Opinion Co-Editor

With the flick of a wrist, O’Gorman High School welcomes a student-inspired, ultimate Frisbee club. With Mr. Nathan Hofflander and Mrs. Sarah Hofflander as faculty supervisors, senior Austin Simon and junior Bret Pearson are finally taking their ideas to the big field.

With the encouragement of a Frisbee club he attended over the summer, Simon came across the idea of bringing a group to O’Gorman and shared his ideas with Pearson.

With a handful of practices already underway, the club has experienced nothing less than success. “That very first Friday we started with 20 players,” said N. Hofflander. “Our numbers have only grown.” The group hopes that as fall sports come to an end, weekly attendance will only increase.

Not only is the ultimate Frisbee club used as a fun, social outlet outside of school, but it is also a great way to exercise and stay active. “Frisbee is so much fun, and it is a really good way to stay in shape,” said Pearson.

With an admirable start under their belt, the club has its



HALEY HEIBERGER / KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Bret Pearson (right) and Mr. Nathan Hofflander look on as students rest after playing ultimate Frisbee. This is the club’s first year.

goals set for the remainder of the season: “My personal hope is that it does become sustainable where we can do it year after year,” said N. Hofflander, “We can only become as traditional as band, chorus or football.”

Although sustainability is a

goal of many, their ultimate ambition is to compete at the national tournament, said Pearson. Simon attended the 2012 national tournament and hopes are high that he can lead O’Gorman’s team to the same success.

The Frisbee club hopes to

raise awareness of this sport which has recently gained popularity around the United States.

N. Hofflander said he is getting in contact with the activities coordinators of a few local schools and hopes to encourage the establishment of new teams.

Although the club has its eyes cast on setting a few earthly goals, N. Hofflander said they are playing for something so much more. “We pray before we play, we pray after we play. It’s all for the glory of God.”

Band finishes year on high note as Quad State grand champions

Senior leaders reflect on strong year, band’s future

Mark Yeager
Entertainment Co-Editor

The O’Gorman Marching Knights’ hard work through rigorous practices and rehearsals paid off as they took grand champion in Quad State this year.

After a strong start straight out of marching band camp the band was looking promising. “This was the most involved leadership team comprised of section leaders and drum majors that I’ve seen in 10 years,” said O’Gorman alum Ben Koch.

Senior Sean Catanguí is one of three drum majors in the band along with senior Conor Tomac and junior Alya Abourezk. His duties consist of being extensions of the directors, acting as a student leader, motivating the band, leading the rehearsals and conducting on the field.

He is proud of the band’s performance this season, “This year was special,” said Catanguí. “We

brought home best drum line twice, even without a drum line instructor and we took home best winds twice.”

Catanguí notes how he felt after receiving the news of the

“This was the most involved leadership team comprised of section leaders and drum majors that I’ve seen in 10 years.”

-Ben Koch

band’s victory at Quad State. “It was the proudest moment of my high school career.”

Catanguí plans on staying involved with the marching band by working as a technician at

band camp. He is planning to pursue a double major in math and music. “I’m going to be in the marching band wherever I go,” said Catanguí.

Senior Conor Tomac is also pleased with the band’s outcome this year.

“It was hard to stay in formation after hearing the news of our victory,” said Tomac. He is glad to leave the year on such a high note and looks forward to the band’s success next year. “We’ll be a band to beat.” Tomac also plans to come back next year to help with the band during marching band camp.

The O’Gorman marching band not only placed as grand champion at Quad State but also had a third place finish in Omaha and second at The Big Sioux Review.

The band was able to shut out longtime division rivals Brandon Valley and Mitchell at Quad State this year to wrap up a successful season.

Lincoln, DSU sweeps among early honors for oral interp team

Haley Heiberger
Faith Co-Editor

The O’Gorman oral interp team looks to follow up last year’s season with more accomplishments.

“We’ve been practicing a lot,” said junior James Carrell. “Everybody is getting to know each other, and the seniors have been really helpful.”

The team’s competition season has begun and is looking to exceed all expectations.

“Last year we had a couple people get to nationals, and a lot of them are seniors now,” said senior Elizabeth Foy. “We’re going to have a really good team of captains this year.”

Once again under the direction of Ms. Teresa Fester, the team began competing in both novice and varsity tournaments in October.

The year began on Oct. 13 at the Stars and Stripes Spectacular tournament at Lincoln High

School. “We’re all pretty excited about the competition,” said Carrell.

The Knights came out on top, leaving the tournament as champions in their class. “I think a lot of us went into this not expecting a lot from this tournament,” said junior Clara Bentz. “But once we got rolling, we completely swept the tournament.”

Junior Christian Heisler and senior Molly Billion also performed pieces that placed well in the tournament.

In the fall, the varsity team will compete and continue to prepare for their season that begins second semester.

“If we continue to excel, we will probably have one of our most successful teams,” said Foy. “The team has a lot of great potential.”

Interp has also added a new activity to the schedule this year: preparing and donating baked goods for the Walsh Family Village.



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“CHRISTINE!” Conor Tomac and Haley Maxwell act within O’Gorman’s production of *Phantom of the Opera*. The show ran from Oct. 18-21 in the Lorang Theatre.

Werner helms quiz bowl team for ‘12-’13 year

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

The quiz bowl season starts this week, and they hope to excel under the leadership of their new coach, Ms. Caitlin Werner.

Quiz bowl meetings are just beginning as the seasons kick off. “I am very excited to be a part of this. They are an interesting group and they have a lot of energy,” says Werner. “We usually meet every Monday after school for an hour.”

Quiz bowl is a year-long activity, and the team competes against many other schools. They will be competing against all the Sioux Falls schools and some schools out of town such as Brookings, Tri-Valley and West Central.

“I know under the guidance of Mr. Lebrun we were pretty good. With Ms. Werner, I don’t know yet, I guess we will have to wait and see,” says sophomore Jonah Dally. “There are some very astute and unique people on this team, with a lot of knowledge.”

Their practices are usually student-led. “Usually Will Tiensvold is the leader and he reads off a bunch of trivia questions for the group,” said Werner.

There are nearly 20 people involved with the quiz bowl team. “Some students are able to be there more than others,” said Werner. “Each kid does their part for the team,” said Dally.

Debate sees numbers increase as team prepares for season

Connor Johnson
Activities Co-Editor

This year’s debate team has seen a jump in membership over previous years. This makes up for the loss of last year’s graduates.

The increase of the new members has allowed the debate team to practice their debates even when some of the members are missing, said Mr. Bob Stevens. He also said that with the increased numbers they would have more people involved in research. Likewise when they go to competitions they won’t be one of the smallest groups on the bus.

Last year Stevens said that they had numerous members receiving awards and qualifying for competitions such as the national speech tournament.

What got many of the new members to join the team was either from friends and family or the debate



CONNOR JOHNSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Mr. Bob Stevens talks to the debate team. The debaters practice Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The team’s season begins Oct. 27 at Watertown.

class O’Gorman offers. “I was in the class last year and thought it would be a good thing to continue on,” said sophomore Brett Duffek.

“My older sister was involved and I thought it was interesting,” said sophomore

Maggie Eckerstorfer.

When asked about the large increase of new members joining debate Stevens said, “I am really excited about them because everybody is working hard and we will make up for lack for ex-

perience with enthusiasm.”

The team opens their season on the road in Watertown for Pumpkinstakes, which will be held Oct. 27. The season continues on until the national qualifier in late February.

Knights lock up fourth seed for playoffs

Sam Breske
Opinion Co-Editor

The Knights football team won the last six games of the regular season, bringing their overall record to 6-3.

The team lost its first three games of the year to Brandon, Roosevelt, and Washington. In response to this, the team made a collective effort to get better, and did just that.

In the last six games, the Knights have beaten Rapid City Stevens, 42-0, Sturgis, 50-0, Brookings, 35-19, Rapid City Central, 28-0, Aberdeen, 11-0, and Lincoln, 29-15.

"We really came into focus during practice. A lot of seniors really took it

upon themselves so that there was no messing around and a lot less confusion on both offense and defense," said senior and right guard Nate Lenz.

The team was able to win despite losing two crucial players to injury during the Brookings game. Senior cornerback Alex Williams was leading the team in interceptions and a team leader in tackles.

Junior running back Eion Donelon was the team leader in touchdowns rushing yards.

The team most recently played Lincoln High School. It was a very important game because it determined whether or not the Knights would get a first-round bye in the

playoffs.

The Knights, led by senior running back Nic Steffl, performed well in all facets.

Steffl ran for 214 yards with three touchdowns. "We've learned and gotten better each week this season and against Lincoln we played our most offensively solid game, which is really what helped me do so well," said Steffl.

A lot of credit must be given to the offensive line. "Until this game the line really wasn't responsible for the wins, but if we continue to play like we did against Lincoln, we will definitely be contributing a lot more," said Lenz.

The defense continued to perform very well. "The main thing is that we come out hard and get to the ball. We know it's our job to get the ball in the offense's hands and that's exactly what we have done," said senior strong-safety Mark Haiar.

The Knights hope to carry their excellent performance into the playoffs. "We can win it all this year," added Steffl.

After beating Lincoln, the Knights clinched a first round bye. Their first game will be in the quarterfinals against the winner of Yankton and Aberdeen Central.

If they make it to the semifinals, they will likely face Washington, a team that dominated O'Gorman earlier this year.

Lady Knights dominant as state tourney nears

O'Gorman enters district play as top seed with best record in state

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

The Lady Knights started out the season in grand fashion. They defeated their first 15 opponents of the year, including the Roosevelt Rough Riders.

Throughout the season, the team has had a rivalry with the Rough Riders volleyball team. So far they have split the series 1-1.

The Lady Knights defeated Roosevelt in their first meeting by a grand total of three points.

On Oct. 12, the Roosevelt Rough Riders snapped the 15 match winning streak. The Riders won the game at home in four sets.

With the exception of this game, O'Gorman has swept the rest of the Sioux Falls schools. This has been a challenging year due to the fact that each of the Sioux Falls schools had successful seasons.

"We always stick together as a team," said senior Allie Vognild. "Even when we lost to Roosevelt, we picked each other up and never broke down our communication."

In the previous matches, O'Gorman had beaten their opponent in three straight sets in 10 of the matches. They have only played in one game that went into five sets which was



PIERCE EDMAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Erin Beacom hits against Aberdeen Central. The Lady Knights won their first 15 games of the season.

against the then top ranked Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles.

The Lady Knights hope to bounce back after their first loss and continue their historic season. "The point of the season is to win the championship, not to be perfect," said junior Lauren Witte.

The Lady Knights hope to keep their successful season going into the state tournament. The state tournament will be held in Rapid City Nov. 15-17.

Junior Lauren Witte leads

the team in kills with 141 on the season. Sophomore Dalee Stene has had 485 of the Lady Knights' 514 assists.

Sophomore Taryn Kloth has a total of 41 kills on the year. Senior Erin Beacom leads the team with digs. She has 157 this season and a career total of 457.

"The underclassmen have really stepped up this season," said Beacom. "That combined with our senior leaders has given the success that we have had thus far."

Another year, another title for tennis team

Ryan Sztapka
Sports Co-Editor

The Lady Knights tennis team blew past their competition last month at the state tennis meet to earn themselves a sixth consecutive state title.

Following an undefeated season with a record of 21-0, the Lady Knights ended strong with a 130 point finish at the Parkview Tennis Complex Rapid City in October.

"We brought our 'A' game and did it again," said senior and flight three doubles champion Alexis Kosiak. "It's our 6th consecutive title."

The girls took first in six flights, but fell just short of success in the three other flights. But that didn't stop them. "We always rose to the occasion and overcame our challenges," said Kosiak. "We had a bunch of remarkable comebacks. We never gave up, and it paid off."

Even though O'Gorman's Lady Knights have won the state title the previous five years, it doesn't mean they didn't feel the pressure of a possible threat to their state title.

The team felt the heat coming from the second-seeded Rapid City Stevens and the third-seeded Roosevelt. "Our biggest contenders were Rapid City Stevens and Roosevelt," said coach Don Barnes. "They were both laden with quality seniors."

Earlier this season, in their first meeting with Stevens, the

Knights won every match. This, however, did not cause them to underestimate the challenges they would face at the state tournament. "Rapid City Stevens has good senior leadership," said Kosiak. "They always rise to the challenge. They're a good team that fights tough."

The Lady Knights will be losing two seniors this year in Kosiak and Taryn Blanchard. With consecutive titles the Lady Knights have little to improve on for next season, but the girls always keep on improving.

"Doubles is something tennis teams can always improve on, and O'Gorman is no different," said Kosiak. "The state tournament always comes down to doubles so we have to be on top of our game."

"We can always improve but a higher first serve percentage and better volleys in doubles would be my priorities," said Barnes.

Coach Barnes and the team are excited for next season. They are hoping to win a seventh consecutive title. The Lady Knights will continue to work hard as the next season rolls around.

Morgan Brower, Sidney Brower, Samantha Czarnecki and Jenna Czarnecki all made the all-tournament team.

They look to extend their winning streak to seven state titles, and with only two seniors not returning, their dreams for lucky number seven don't seem so far out of reach.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Alex Einsel dribbles the ball against an Aberdeen Central defender. The Knights finished as runner-up in the state tournament.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Freshman Molly Doetzel dribbles against Aberdeen Central. The Lady Knights ended their season with a runner-up finish at state.

Runners compete in Huron for state

Sam Breske
Opinion Co-Editor

The O'Gorman cross country team ran the final race of the season on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the state meet in Huron. The boys team finished in 9th place, and the girls team finished in 12th place.

"It was going to be a good day to run, no matter what," said sophomore Sam Maxwell.

The O'Gorman team did not do particularly well in scoring, with only one top finisher in senior Chance Freese. "I am very happy with my race. Although it was not my fastest time, it was not a fast race. The winning time was barely under 16 minutes," said Freese.

"O'Gorman is basically an underdog team when it comes to cross country," explained junior Anne Prouse. "That means that instead of trying to beat the other schools we just try to beat ourselves, and most everyone was happy with how they performed."

"Our team is at kind of a weird point in time right now," said junior Lydia Enderson. "Most of our girls are upperclassmen, and most of the boys are underclassman. Unfortunately, girls are better when they are younger and boys get better as they get older."

The Knights may not have been a real competitor for the state title, but they are a young team, and they have a lot of hope for the future. "We have a very young team and will do better in a couple years," Freese said.

Boys, girls soccer teams both take second

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

Both the boys and girls soccer teams finished as runner-up in this year's state soccer tournament. Each of the championship games went into overtime.

The Knights boys soccer team needed to defeat St. Thomas More in order to make it into the state tournament in Aberdeen. The Knights won 6-1, led by senior Benn Davis who scored three of O'Gorman's six goals.

Their record going into the tournament was five wins, four losses, and two ties. They were ranked third based on that record.

The boys then played and defeated Groton Area 3-1 in the first round of the tournament.

The stage was set to play the number one seeded Sioux Falls Christian in the finals. The score was tied at one after regular time had finished. Neither team scored in overtime so they went to penalty kicks. The Chargers defeated the Knights 3-1 in penalty kicks.

"I don't think anybody expected us to be as good as we were," said Davis, who was the leading scorer this season. The Knights are losing Davis along with two other seniors next season. "I've never been so proud of my team and how we came

together late in the season," said sophomore Alex Einsel.

The Lady Knights ended their season by playing Sioux Falls Christian. They defeated the Chargers 5-0. After that they were off to Aberdeen to compete in the state tournament.

They were ranked second going into the tournament. They finished the season with a record of four wins, three losses, and four ties.

They started out their state tournament by playing the third ranked Groton Area Tigers. The Lady Knights shut out the Tigers 3-0.

The Lady Knights advanced to play Aberdeen Central in the

finals. The Golden Eagles were ranked first in the tournament.

Neither of the teams scored in regular time so the game went into overtime. The Golden Eagles came out on top in the end by scoring two goals in overtime.

"We had a rough start to the season," said senior forward Anna Bills. "But we really came together as a group and did really well."

The Lady Knights are losing eight seniors for next year but hope to continue their success. "We had a great year and I'm going to really miss all of the seniors," said junior Claire Howes. "We hope to do even better next season."

Golfers claim second at state tournament

Ryan Sztapka
Sports Co-Editor

Starting the season with high hopes and no less than perfect expectations, the O'Gorman Knights boys golf team fell just short of fulfilling their expectations and bringing home their third consecutive state title.

"This year we had plenty of ups and downs, but just didn't finish the season how we wanted," said senior Collin Hammer.

Following two successful seasons in 2010 and 2011, the Knights

hoped to do it once again. "With two state titles under our belt, everyone was hoping to bring home a third one," said varsity golfer Ben Rogers.

The boys golf team battled against 16 teams at the state tournament last month at the Lake View Golf Course in Mitchell. With a total score of 609, O'Gorman came up short of the state title to city rival Lincoln High School with a score of 596.

The Knights took second overall in the tournament. "Results didn't go as we hoped," said

Rogers. "We put up good scores. [Lincoln] just played better. I give them credit."

"One of our biggest competitors was Lincoln. They shot 299 the first day and 297 the second in state," said Rogers. "Tommy Vining is one of their better players, but their whole team played well all season."

Even though they fell short on their team success, individually the players are content with how the season went.

"I played alright this season," said Hammer. "It didn't quite end

the way I was hoping, but I had a lot of fun and it was a great experience."

The team took first in the Brookings and Mitchell invite, and they were runner-up in the GDC tournament, Brandon, Warrior, Huron and Yankton invites.

"This year we had plenty of ups and downs," said Hammer. "We worked very hard and we came together as a team in the end."

The boys golf team will be losing three key competitors next

year: Hammer, Nick Bruhn, and Austin Simon.

"We need to get ready for next year," said Rogers. "We really need to work on our finishing, back nine and last days in our tournaments."

In light of the departing seniors, four of seven vital players will return to the team next year: Rogers, Sam Olson, Max Donohue, and Chris Gaher.

Donohue and Gaher have also had the honor of being selected for the all tournament team.



PRESS PHOTO

Starz, located at the old location of Joey's Seafood, is a new Sioux Falls restaurant.

Starz aims high, falls short

From Staff Reports

The *Knight Scroll* staff had a night on the town at Starz, a new sports restaurant, located at 2209 W. 57th St.

Having taken the old Joey's Seafood Restaurant, Starz has completely transformed the interior into a sports lover's hangout.

The atmosphere is top notch. The new bar has sports memorabilia in every nook and cranny. Vintage *Sports Illustrated* and various autographed jerseys and

baseballs are also on display.

Starz has an impressive number of flat screen TVs. Sixteen flat screen TVs were counted, each one streaming the current game. A customer would never be bored at Starz - or hungry for that matter.

The menu featured stadium styled food similar to what a customer could order at a sports game. The menu featured burgers starting at a low price of \$3.25. Nothing on the menu was higher than \$14.00.

The dessert menu featured

ice cream treats that would be similar to what a student could find at our cafeteria Snack Shack.

Overall, the food was less than exceptional, but the fun-filled atmosphere was the restaurant's best attribute.

**Overall
Rating:
C-**

Autumn brings slate of albums from pop bands

Taylor Swift, Macklemore among fall's top releases

Miranda Masek
Editor-in-Chief

With colder weather comes hotter music. This fall, Mumford & sons, Macklemore, and Taylor Swift all dropped highly-anticipated albums.

"Mumford & sons produced yet another beautiful piece of work," said Andrew Mohama, sophomore. "As soon as I heard the first song, I knew it was a great album." Entitled *Babel*, the album is the second studio-produced album by the indie folk band.

Released Sept. 25 in the United States, the album debuted at number one on the UK Album Chart and Billboard 200. In the first week it already reached 600,000 in sales. "It's the perfect music to listen to in tough times, happy times, or just about any time," said Mohama.

October 9 meant the debut release of Macklemore and Ryan Lewis *The Heist*.

"I think the album itself is just a sample of what Macklemore is," said senior Kier Currier. "I love how he speaks from the heart about what he's been through and also he shows how he doesn't really care about the stupid things that happen."

The Seattle-based emcee reached number two on the Billboard 200 and 78,000 in first week sales. Ben Haggerty, known with the stage name "Macklemore" partnered with his producer Ryan Lewis to create the hip hop album.

Taylor Swift's newest album dropped Oct. 22 to much acclaim. Featuring the single, "We are Never Ever Getting Back Together" the album *Red* is Swift's fourth studio-produced album.

Nintendo, Mario ready for makeover

Release of Nintendo WiiU marks first new console since 2006

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

A new videogame console from Nintendo will finally be arriving in homes for the first time in six years.

Since the release of the Nintendo Wii in 2006 no other major game consoles have been made available. It has been six years of the same consoles competing with each other over the consumers' interest.

The Wii U will solve many problems that the Nintendo Wii had and will be a new contender in the video game industry.

The Nintendo Wii was consistently looked down upon while comparing systems. The Wii did not boast the ability to be able to play Blu-ray discs, use HD visuals or play most of the mainstream game titles on the market.

The Wii was advertised as a family system and, with the exception of Nintendo brand series such as *The Legend of Zelda*, *Super Mario Bros.* and *Metroid*, it

didn't have much to capture the attention of anyone looking for a serious investment when purchasing a new console.

The Wii U uses new innovative technologies that are still foreign to its competitors. Most of this comes from the use of the Wii U's primary controller which is a tablet.

The tablet will allow its user not only to multitask while using their Wii U, but to also be able to take their system with them on the go. A similar idea was put forth by Sony using the PS Vita as a tablet for the PlayStation 3, but due to the Vita's lack of impressive sales number, it didn't really take off.

The Wii U is upgrading from using a single core processor to using three cores. This means that the system will be much more powerful than its predecessor. Nintendo has boasted the Wii U to be somewhere around three times as powerful as an Xbox 360 console.

Although this system is not projected to have more processing power than the PlayStation 3, it will still be able to han-

dle much more than the Wii.

HD graphics are now available on the Wii U, which will have it competing with Microsoft and Sony even more vigorously as this was a major shortcoming of the Nintendo Wii. This also allows for HDMI compatibility with the Wii U.

The Wii U has received much mixed feedback from the community as fans and critics alike worry about the actual potential of a system that strives to do so much differently than others have done so far.

The system will be receiving many of the main brand games that receive the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Games include: *Mass Effect 3*, *Batman Arkham City*, *Call of Duty Black Ops 2* and *Darksiders 2*.

The Wii U will be redeeming the Wii's shortcomings as it hits stores on Nov 18.

Nintendo hopes to start the holiday season strong as consumers line up on reservation and waiting lists awaiting the holiday shopping season and release of the Wii U.



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Super Mario Bros. has been a cornerstone for Nintendo since 1985. Nintendo is set to release the Wii U on Nov. 18.



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The United ‘Swing’ States of America?

Staff Editorial

It comes to an end. After four furious years of campaigning, debating and wooing voters, the race for the White House is nearing its conclusion.

As this race has shown, America has never been more divided.

But it has also shown something else. While every American is certainly aware of the Nov. 6 election, many Americans have really not been part of the political process.

At the heart of a presidential race is the hope that candidates will campaign in every state trying to create a local interest in a national vision.

However, as American politics has shown, this simply isn't the case. As of Oct. 31, there are really only nine states still in play.

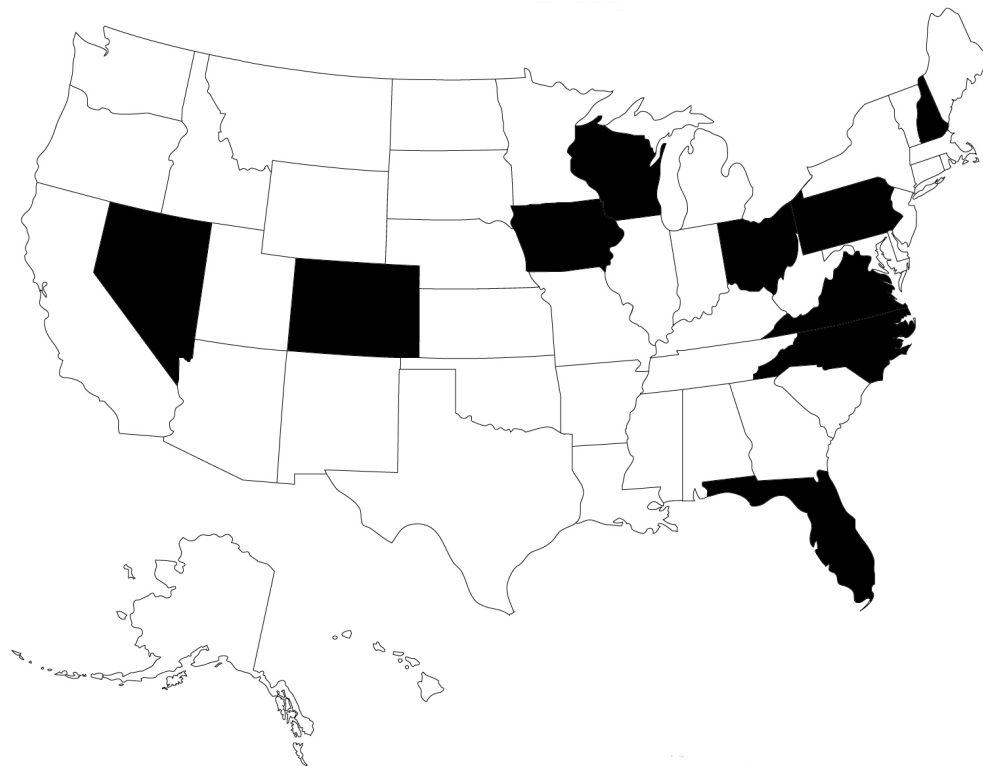
And you can bet your Obama campaign button or Romney bumper sticker that the candidates will be in those states until election eve - and only those states.

This might be one of the strongest reasons to eliminate the Electoral College.

Let's make it a 50 state campaign. Let's watch as our presidential candidates criss-cross the United States in search of every voter, not just the swing voter in Ohio or Colorado.

Moreover, let's watch as more Americans become invested in the process. By eliminating the Electoral College, Republican votes in California and New York will matter just as much as Democratic votes in South Dakota or Texas.

What's really interesting is that this year could mirror 2000. We could once again see



FILE PHOTO

Swing voters in Nevada, Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and New Hampshire will decide the next President. Candidates focus on these states as they are still up for grabs in the Electoral College.

the conundrum of having a popular vote winner lose the electoral vote.

Recent polling has shown Gov. Romney with a lead nationally but President Obama having a slim lead in several of those ever so crucial swing states.

So why keep the Electoral College? Defenders have often said that it prevents big cities from controlling the election. But what

about the notion of 'one person - one vote'?

After 2000 Democrats cried out as Al Gore was left with a majority of votes but no presidency. And this year it could be Mitt Romney wondering how his majority didn't translate into a ticket to the Oval Office.

But that's politics. At least in America. Happy voting.

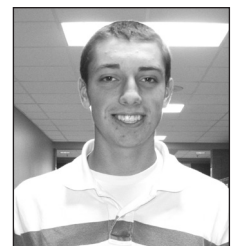
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What is #1 on your bucket list?



"Well that's easy!
Be friends with
a grizzly bear."

-Josie Johnson



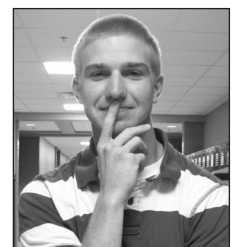
"Meet
Selena Gomez!"

-Mitchell Jarding



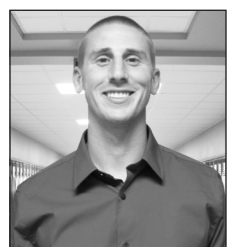
"Marry an Olympic
swimmer!"

-Mary Billion



"Train a group
of monkeys
to do my will."

-David Koch



"Go homeless
for 7 days."

-Mr. Anderson

Top Ten

You know you go to O'Gorman if...

1. Your khakis are on rotation.
2. You have to shave even though Jesus had a beard.
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4. Your volleyball team is better than your football team.
5. Your school lunches consist of bagels and nacho cheese.
6. You have pink and blue ribbons on your car
7. Your principal gets music in the halls for his birthday.
8. Students' cars are more expensive than their teachers.
9. Your yard signs are against the law.
10. You can only be homecoming king if your last name is Steffl.

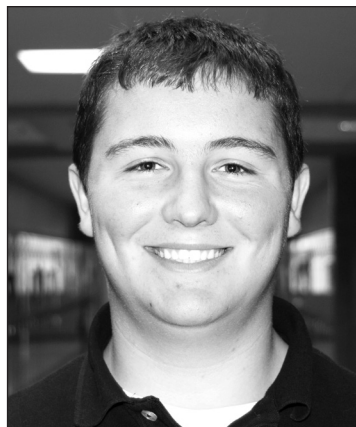
Missing Mass means missed opportunity for students to grow in faith, community

As a result of decreasing Mass attendance on Wednesdays, a schism has arisen amongst the students. Some claim that the decision to attend Mass is a moral one, while others believe that they have no spiritual responsibility to attend.

I lack the authority to validate either side's argument, but I can offer my own point of view. Having the option of going to Mass is an opportunity that we should be taking advantage of.

Despite our excellence in academics and athletics, O'Gorman is meant to be a haven for religious development. "Mass is the source and summit of our faith; we are invited to physically receive God, which is the greatest honor we can experience," said Campus Minister Mr. Jon Konz. Unfortunately, it seems that many students are taking this honor for granted.

High school is an easy time for students to lose track of their priorities, especially during junior and senior year when planning for college begins. At times it seems as though school should be our only focus.



Sam Breske

Unfortunately, the behavior of the upperclassmen tends to be mimicked by the underclassmen and as a result the premise has been established that it is acceptable not to attend Mass. The consistent repetition of going to study hall by so many students has desensitized the bulk of the student body to the point that it is not only acceptable, but has become the norm.

It is important, however, that as followers of Christ we maintain a spiritual perspective and always remember that our final destination is heaven - not UNL.

Many of us have grown up in an environment that champions capitalism, which can lead us to ask the question: "what's in it for me?" It can be easy to forget the benefits we obtain from attending Mass, regardless of their magnitude.

Going to Mass can and often does grant immediate rewards. "After I go to Mass at school, I automatically feel a sense of peace. My day becomes better, no matter how busy or stressful it may have been," said junior Jenna Czarnecki.

Additionally, we receive many long term benefits. Senior and Campus Ministry Team member Thomas Motz explains, "I always figure that the graces I can receive from the Eucharist at Wednesday Mass outweigh any benefit I may get from a study hall. Attending Mass as often as possible, even when it is not necessary, will equip you to live a more virtuous life."

Hopefully, next Wednesday, every room in O'Gorman will be empty, except the one filled with the presence and the grace of God.

Wallin journeys to Rwanda to help children

Leah Billion
Faith Co-Editor

This past summer, freshman Grace Wallin traveled to Rwanda to fulfill her dreams of doing missionary work. Wallin was given the opportunity to help the poverty stricken country with Imaculee Illibigiza, her inspiration.

"Her story floored me. I had wanted to do missionary work since I was very little, and when she came to O'Gorman to speak, I knew I would go to Africa one day," said Wallin.

Through prayer, Wallin asked God to give her a mission to do His work. She asked for the courage to help whoever was in need, and hoped for the opportunity to do so.

Wallin's prayers were answered quickly when Imaculee's personal assistant visited her father's eye clinic. The Wallins connected with Imaculee and her team to set up a trip to Rwanda.

"This opportunity was put in front of me and was a great blessing," said Wallin.

While in Rwanda, Wallin learned much about the Rwandan culture and history. She met many life-changing people and visited landmarks and memorials from the 1994 genocide. One of these landmarks includes a refugee church in Nyamata where

"This opportunity was put in front of me and was a great blessing."

-Grace Wallin

10,000 Africans were murdered.

"The memorial church was kept exactly as it was with bullet holes, blood stains and people's clothes lining the pews. Then you could go down into the catacombs with bones lining numerous racks with pictures of people beside them," recalls Wallin.

The visit has given Wallin a new appreciation for her family, friends and blessings. She

has been changed greatly by her experience and has developed a much deeper relationship with God.

"It has given me hope for people all over the world and has shown me how much one person can make a difference in someone's life. It is so important to show kindness and forgiveness to one another," says Wallin.

The time she spent in a Rwandan orphanage is an experience Wallin will never forget. The joy that the children had in the midst of such poverty has inspired her to spread hope to everyone she can.

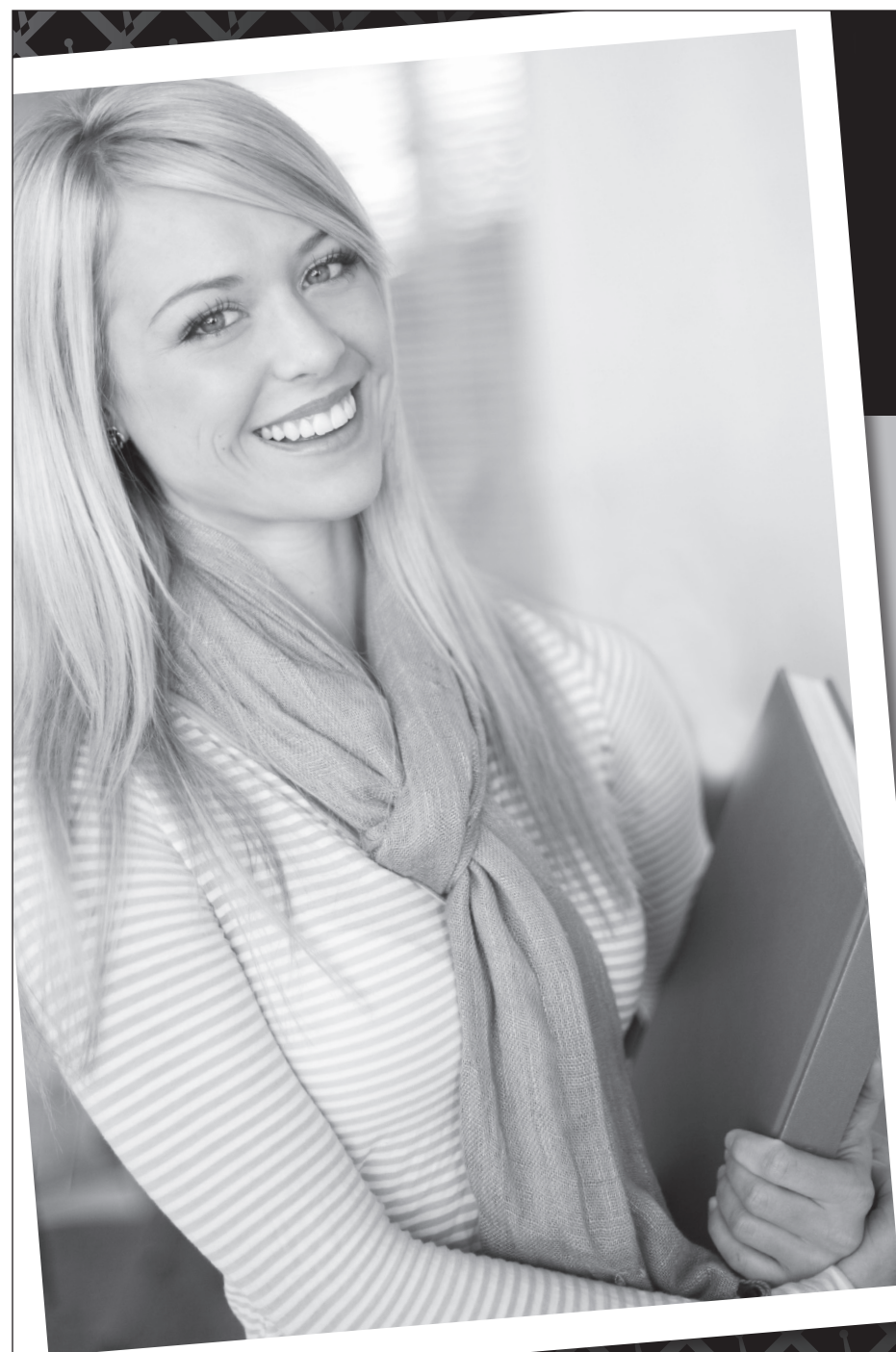
Wallin hopes to take what she has learned on this remarkable journey and continue to do missionary work for years to come.

"We are hoping to go back with my dad and get involved in a medical mission to help provide a healthcare center for the children at the school and maybe a project to get shoes for them." Wallin's trip has transformed not only her heart, but her entire life.



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Freshman Grace Wallin holds a Rwandan child. Wallin spent time in Rwanda at an orphanage helping poverty-stricken families.



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